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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Promotes Missouri Military Family Relief Fund State Tax Form Check-off Program

Fund to Receive Donations through Check-Off

Jefferson City MO- Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder was at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base in St. Joseph today, to urge Missouri taxpayers who have not yet filed their state tax returns, to make a donation to the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund. The fund offers assistance to qualifying Guard and Reserve families with unique financial needs, who have been deployed for the Global War on Terrorism.

“By donating to this fund, we affirm our commitment to our citizen soldiers and our National Guard and Reserve families that we will honor your service and sacrifice to our country” said Kinder. He added, “The Missouri Military Family Relief Fund will provide real help to the children and spouses of our Guard and Reserve members who are serving their country far from home.” Kinder added, “This is a great way to say ‘thank you’ to our friends and neighbors who protect us all.”

The program will receive funding through private donations to the fund and by donations received through the check-off box on the Missouri State Income Tax form. Taxpayers can choose to donate by entering code number 11 in one of the blank boxes, and by then entering the donation amount.

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According to figures released by the Missouri Department of Revenue last week, nearly half of Missouri taxpayers have not filed their state returns. With an estimated 1.3 million tax returns yet to be filed, Lt. Governor Kinder is traveling across the state this week to ask Missouri taxpayers to donate to the fund.

Lt. Gov. Kinder works closely with Missouri Veterans Commission on issues relating to veterans as well as issues facing active military personnel. The Missouri Lieutenant Governors office serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for veterans and their families.

Eleven states have already enacted the innovative Military Family Relief Fund (Arkansas, California, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont and Wyoming).